

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-3 and 5-18 are all the claims pending in the Application, as claims 7-18 are hereby added to more fully define the current invention. Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 have been rejected.

Anticipation Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyazaki et al. (US 5,691,506; hereinafter “Miyazaki”).

This rejection is respectfully traversed, as Applicants respectfully submit that Miyazaki fails to teach or suggest *at least* that “said shielded wire includes a braided wire and said connection portion is dimensioned so that said braided wire can be folded over the exterior of the connection portion,” as recited in claims 1 and 6.

Specifically, the braided portion 132 of shielded wire 130 in Miyazaki is not “folded over the exterior of the connection portion” (alleged by the Examiner to correspond to tubular member 122 in Miyazaki). In contrast, Miyazaki’s braided wire 132 is inserted into shield ring 134, which is disposed inside of tubular member 122. Shield ring 134 is not connected to tubular member 122, but is held in place by way of springs 143 and/or second tubular member 140.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 6 are patentable over the applied reference. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2, 3 and 5 are allowable, *at least* by virtue of their dependency.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

New Claims

Claims 7-18 are hereby added. Claims 7-18 are fully supported *at least* by FIGS. 1-4 of the instant Application.

Claims 7 and 8 are believed to be allowable *at least* by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 6.

Regarding claims 9 and 13, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are patentable over the applied reference because it fails to teach or suggest *at least* that the “connection portion” is provided to “contact a shielding portion of the shielded wire,” and that “said reinforcing rib, said connection portion and said shield member are formed of a one-piece construction.”

In contrast, as discussed above, tubular members 122 (alleged to correspond to the recited “connection portion”) are not provided to “contact” shielding 134 of shield wire 130. In fact, the entire purpose of Miyazaki is to provide springs 143 (or second tubular members 140) between wires 130 and tubular elements 122 to prevent the breakage of shield wire 130. (See *e.g.*, col. 6, lines 3-19).

Claims 10-12 are believed to be allowable *at least* by virtue of their dependency from claim 9.

Regarding claims 14 and 18, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are patentable over the applied reference because it fails to teach or suggest *at least* that the “reinforcing rib and said connection portion extend in opposite directions from said plate member, and are located only on opposite sides of said plate member.”

In contrast, Applicants respectfully submit that Miyazaki only discloses tubular elements 122 (and springs 143 and shield ring 134) that extend on both sides of shield cap 120. In fact, the purpose of the peripheral flange in Miyazaki is provided to form a gap between shield cap

20/120 and metal casing 10, so that a ring shaped rubber packing can be provided between cap

20/120 and metal casing 10 (see FIG. 1).

Claims 15-17 are believed to be allowable *at least* by virtue of their dependency from claim 14.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3 and 5-18 are allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance with all of the claims 1-3 and 5-18.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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